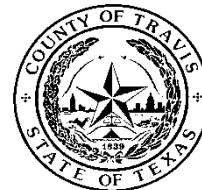




## Austin/Travis County Health and Human Services Department

•The role of public health is to:

- PROMOTE community-wide wellness,
- PREVENT disease, and
- PROTECT the community from infectious diseases, environmental hazards, and epidemics



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# SNAP Enrollment Program Update

## Public Health and Human Services Subcommittee

September 30, 2013

Maria Allen, HHS Manager

# Benefit Bank of Texas Program

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- Presentation at Public Health and Human Services Subcommittee meeting regarding SNAP
- Initial pilot program at the St. John and South Austin Neighborhood Centers
- Texas Health Institute, statewide affiliate, ceased operating the Benefit Bank

# Health and Human Services Commission

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- Community Partner Program
- Partnership directly through HHSC that enables local agencies to help people apply online for assistance programs for HHSC administered programs (SNAP, TANF, Medicaid, CHIP, LTC).
- Memorandum of Understanding – Interlocal Agreement

# Screening and Eligibility

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- First point of contact
- Screen clients for basic needs assistance and determine if they currently receive SNAP or other benefits
- Explain the application process and the documents a client will need to provide
- Address questions or concerns a client may have about applying for benefits

# Next Steps

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- RCA to approve Interlocal Agreement
- Staff training
- Program Implementation
- Tracking/Evaluation of Program and Benefits Enrollment